

How to use MVRTA The Charlie Card!



Read below to find out where to get your Charlie Card and how to use it!

Charlie Card Payment: To pay with a Charlie Card, simply tap your card to the orange target on the farebox. The proper fare will automatically be deducted from your card. If you have a monthly pass added onto your card, the farebox will recognize it and allow you to ride with no additional charge. A free transfer is automatically added onto your card so there is no need to ask the driver for one. Tap your card on the second bus and no additional money will be deducted from your card.

What is a Charlie Card?

Charlie Cards are the new way to pay your bus fare. You can add value on them or put your monthly pass on it. The card is compatible with the MBTA and LRTA fareboxes as well. You only need 1 card in order to ride all systems where Charlie Cards are accepted!

How do I add stored value onto my Charlie Card?

- Stored value can be added on the bus at the farebox. Let the driver know that you intend to add money to your card so they can set the farebox properly, tap your card, insert the money, and tap your card again to pay for the ride you are taking then.
- You can also add money at a Transit Center (Haverhill Transit or Buckley Transportation in Lawrence). Hand the customer service representative your Charlie Card and the amount of money you would like to put onto the card (in cash) and the customer service representative will handle the rest.

How do I add a monthly pass onto my Charlie Card?

MVRTA monthly passes must be added at a Transit Center. Bring your card and cash to the Transit Center and the representative will handle the rest.

What if I already have a Charlie Card?

If you have stored value on it, you can use it the same way you would on the MBTA.

Where can I get a Charlie Card?

Buckley Transportation: 295 Common Street, Lawrence or Haverhill Transit: 12 Washington Square, Haverhill
Senior citizens and persons with disabilities will have their photo taken at a transit center which will go on the back of their card.

What different fare media can I have on my Charlie Card?

There are 3 different media types you can have: Stored Value and a monthly pass from 2 different agencies. *Stored value* works like a debit card and can be used anywhere the Charlie Card is accepted. *Monthly passes* are specific to the agency where you buy it. For example, you can have a monthly pass for the MVRTA and one for either the LRTA or MBTA.

How much money can I add to my card?

You can add up to \$100 on a full fare Charlie Card or \$40 on a $\frac{1}{2}$ fare card. You must add a minimum of \$5 at a time.

Other Important Notes

- At the farebox, if you are doing something other than paying a fare (ie. buying a day pass, adding value to your card, checking your balance) please inform the driver of your intentions before putting money into the box or tapping your Charlie Card. Not doing this could result in an improper fare being deducted.
- If you are paying with a $\frac{1}{2}$ fare Charlie Card you may be asked for an ID with your date of birth or your Medicare Card.
- If your transfer from boarding your first bus to your second bus will be longer than 90 minutes and you are paying with a Charlie Card, ask the driver for a paper transfer when boarding.
(Transfers expire after 90 minutes, but this way the driver can verify that you are transferring from another bus.)

Fare Structure

Cash fares will remain the same as before, but you will receive a discount for using a Charlie Card! Fares are as follows:

Cash Fares

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Adult..... | \$1.25 |
| Senior/Disabled..... | \$0.60 |
| Salisbury Beach..... | \$2.00 |
| Hampton Beach..... | \$3.00 |

Day Passes

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 Day Pass..... | \$3.00 |
| 1 Day Pass Senior/Disabled..... | \$1.50 |

Charlie Card Fares

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|----------------------|--------|
| Adult..... | \$1.00 |
| Senior/Disabled..... | \$0.50 |
| Salisbury Beach..... | \$2.00 |
| Hampton Beach..... | \$3.00 |

Monthly Pass

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|----------------------|---------|
| Adult..... | \$30.00 |
| Senior/Disabled..... | \$15.00 |
| Student..... | \$15.00 |

Commuter Bus

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| Cash Fare..... | \$6.00 |
| Charlie Card Fare..... | \$5.00 |